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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, Since the beginning of this great State, millions  
3 of brave men and women of Illinois have courageously answered  
4 the call to defend the ideals of freedom and democracy both at  
5 home and abroad; and

6           WHEREAS, On Veterans Day, November 11, we recognize the  
7 sacrifice of all veterans, both those who have served in the  
8 past and those serving in the present; and

9           WHEREAS, We specifically wish to reflect on the heritage of  
10 the service rendered by all components of the Illinois National  
11 Guard and recognize the work and dedication of the Illinois  
12 State Military Museum and the Illinois National Guard and  
13 Militia Historical Society; and

14           WHEREAS, The Illinois State Military Museum, housed in a  
15 building listed on the National Register of Historic Places,  
16 holds significant artifacts from the heritage of the Illinois  
17 National Guard, such as the cork leg of Mexican General Antonio  
18 Lopez de Santa Anna, which was captured by Illinois soldiers  
19 during the battle of Cerro Gordo in the Mexican War; the wooden  
20 target board that President Abraham Lincoln used to test-fire  
21 the Spencer rifle in 1863 at the White House before he bought  
22 the weapon for the Union Army; the largest collection of Civil

1 War battle flags; and the Medal of Honor awarded during World  
2 War I to First Sergeant Johannes Anderson of the 33rd Infantry  
3 Division; and

4 WHEREAS, The museum further displays exhibits explaining  
5 the expanded role of Illinois soldiers and airmen in support  
6 the Global War on Terrorism, in global peacekeeping operations,  
7 and in support to the citizens of Illinois in the aftermath of  
8 floods and tornadoes; and

9 WHEREAS, The Illinois State Military Museum could not  
10 accomplish these tasks without the financial support of the  
11 Illinois National Guard and Militia Historical Society;  
12 therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
14 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
15 we recognize the work and dedication of the Illinois State  
16 Military Museum and the Illinois National Guard and Militia  
17 Historical Society to preserve, safeguard, and honor the  
18 Illinois National Guard heritage and share it with current and  
19 future generations; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
21 presented to the Illinois State Military Museum and the  
22 Illinois National Guard and Militia Historical Society as a

1 symbol of our esteem and respect.